

## REMARKS

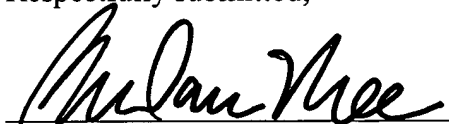
The claims as amended under Article 34 are annexed to the international preliminary examination report (IPER). An English language translation of the annex to the IPER is provided herewith, and entry of the amended claim is requested pursuant to M.P.E.P. 1893.01(a)(3). The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is made with respect to the claims as amended in the international stage.

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies, and otherwise to place the claims in condition for examination pursuant to United States practice. The amendments are of a formal nature and no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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